

What is a caucus?

cau•cus |'kôkəs|

noun (pl. **-cus•es**)

1 a meeting of the members of a legislative body who are members of a particular political party, to select candidates or decide policy.

- the members of such a body.

2 a group of people with shared concerns within a political party or larger organization.

- a meeting of such a group.

verb (**-cused, -cus•ing**) [intrans.]

hold or form such a group or meeting.

ORIGIN mid 18th cent. (originally U.S.): perhaps from Algonquian *cau'-cau'-as'u* 'adviser.'

Steps:

Problem Finding (Define the question.)

History

Facts/Stats

Pros/Cons

Solution Finding (3-4 Whereas statements...)

Resolution (3-4 Be It Resolved statements...)

Conclusion Statement (As a group, we concur that...)

Problem Finding (Define the question.)

Example: How might we solve the problem of using a phone while driving?

History

Began with use of cellphones in cars

Developed into texting while driving 1990's -
early 2000's

etc...

Facts/Stats

Each year 21% of fatal car crashes involve teenagers
(National Highway Traffic Safety Association)

Pros/Cons

pro: communicate with anyone, anywhere quickly

con: not everyone can afford the technology

Solution Finding (3-4 Whereas statements...)

Whereas texting while driving is a current distraction to drivers...

Whereas statistics show that people are 23 times more likely to get into an accidents while texting than while not texting...

Resolution (3-4 Be It Resolved statements...)

Be is resolved that more serious laws involving more serious consequences be implemented.

Conclusion Statement (As a group, we concur that...)

As a group, we concur that a combination of government legislation, modern technology, and public awareness will reduce both the effects and consequences of texting while driving.

Topics:

Sports for Children/Young Adults

Distracted Driving

First Amendment & Censorship


Animal Rights

Technology

Zero Tolerance Policy

Required Website:

SIRS:

 <http://sks.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-issues-display?id=SWI0221-0-8252>

Example: Bullying website at SIRS

http://sks.sirs.com/cgi-bin/hst-sub-display?id=SWI0221-0-8252&res=Y&ren=Y&gov=Y&lnk=Y&keyno=0000033356&leadiss=Y&taglist=0000275678ART0000264230ART0000277717ART00002565RT0000261731ART0000317690ART0000299088ART0000319086ART0000317102ART0000310584ART0000158069ART0000292607ART0000245641ART00316822ART0000308270ART0000307433ART0000338156ART0000316446ART0000316440ART&auth_checked=Y



